

DELEGATE MUDD: It may be possible, but it was a possibility that our Committee did not envision.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Clagett.

DELEGATE CLAGETT: My question is that it is the intent of section 5.08 that there shall be one superior court judge resident in each county who shall preside over a function of the superior court located in that county?

DELEGATE MUDD: A division of the superior court in that county.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Clagett.

DELEGATE CLAGETT: Division, instead of function?

THE CHAIRMAN: That is my interpretation, yes, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Malkus.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. President, I have several questions.

First, I would like to direct to the Chairman, or if the Chairman cannot answer it, to Delegate Bradshaw, questions generally along the same lines that Delegate Rybczynski talked about, that is, how much this is going to cost.

As I understood Delegate Bradshaw—I am not making a speech, I have to lay the groundwork of the question, qualify the witness—as I understand it, he said if we put this thing in effect it will cost \$250,000. I want to ask Delegate Mudd or Delegate Bradshaw or the Chairman, if he is serious in that answer. Either one may answer.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Mudd.

DELEGATE MUDD: Yes, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Another question, Delegate Malkus? He answered "Yes, sir."

DELEGATE MUDD: The answer is it will cost approximately \$250,000 to make all the judges full time and take over the functions of the district court under that basis than it is now costing.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Malkus.

DELEGATE MALKUS: I have several more questions, Mr. President. I had a hard time getting up.

How many judges now are receiving \$30,000 in the State of Maryland?

DELEGATE MUDD: I do not know.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Does Delegate Bradshaw know, then?

THE CHAIRMAN: Can you respond to the inquiry, Delegate Bradshaw?

DELEGATE BRADSHAW: Perhaps I can. The judges in Baltimore City, as I understand it, are receiving that salary. The judges in Prince George's County are receiving \$27,500, plus \$2,500 for travel expenses, which would make \$30,000. The judges in Montgomery County are paid \$27,000, but the attorney general has ruled they are entitled to be paid \$30,000.

I know of no other judges earning \$30,000.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Malkus.

DELEGATE MALKUS: While Mr. Bradshaw is on his feet, how much would it cost additionally to pay every judge in the State of Maryland \$30,000?

Can you answer that question, Delegate Bradshaw?

DELEGATE BRADSHAW: Mr. Chairman, no, I cannot answer that right now, on such short notice.

THE CHAIRMAN: Another question?

DELEGATE MALKUS: Yes, sir, I have some more questions.

Are you anticipating in your \$250,000 that there might be a reduction in salary of any judge in the State of Maryland?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Bradshaw.

DELEGATE BRADSHAW: The approximation made by Dr. Cooper was there would be no reduction in any judges' salary at the superior court level. The assumption is, at least in our Committee, and I think the assumption also was made by Dr. Cooper, that all judges would be paid at the present maximum rate enjoyed by the judges in metropolitan counties. They would all be paid \$30,000.

There are seventy circuit court judges at the present time. On the other hand, there are several hundred minor court judges in the State of Maryland throughout the whole system. It is expected after the transitional period that this would be very greatly reduced; that is, the number of those minor court judges would be very substantially reduced. But of course their salaries would be very greatly increased over what would be the average at the present time.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Malkus.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. President,